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HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1919.

Editorial Periscope

Only 12 more days till Christmas.

A man digging for oil near Alliance, O., has gone 4,000 feet and is still digging.

Gen. Pershing will be in Nashville tonight and a reception will be given him at the auditorium.

The strike lasted 34 work days at a loss to the miners of \$1,500,000 a day in wages, or a little matter of \$51,000,000.

C. E. Wry, secretary of the National Association of Retail Clothiers says \$25 suits now selling at \$50 will be \$60 by spring.

Edgar Harold and Mrs. Ellen Corcoran, traveling from St. Louis to the East, were married in Frankfort while the train stopped. The widow gave him no chance to get away.

A man in Trinity County, California, 126 miles from the county seat of Weaverville, had to travel 1038 miles around the mountains to serve on the jury, at an expense of \$75.

A Kansas City man about to be married paid a lawyer \$50 to give him legal advice about getting into and out of matrimony and decided to remain single.

The Government has no more bacon for sale but will sell thirty million pounds of frozen beef to mayors in carload lots, so that it may be retailed at 15 to 20 cents a pound.

The only thing in Hopkinsville selling at the ante-bellum price is The Kentuckian. It is still \$2 and better than ever. Come in and make yourself a Christmas present.

The last court has passed on the case of Berkman and Goldman have nothing to do but board ship and turn their backs on the statue of liberty.

Down at Columbia, Tenn., 100 people have been indicted for failing to pay the dog tax.

High waters are subsiding in the Southern overflowed areas, the only high thing known to be going down.

Robt. A. McLean, of Berkeley, Cal., who was "adopted" by Sultan Abdul Khamid, of Elang-Lang, one of the small Philippine Islands, has been notified that the Sultan has died and left him a harem with 46 wives. His own wife is not enthusiastic over the inheritance.

School boys at Nashville, Ind., are scouring the woods at night hunting skunks, whose pelts are good for wads of Christmas money, but the girls in school refuse to sit by them unless they change their clothes. Girls are sometimes awfully particular.

Ernest Loeffler, a Louisville bad boy, was given six months in jail for fighting and his grandmother bought a whip and told the court that when he got home she would be ready and waiting to make May more unpleasant than December. Ernest is not likely to hurry home.

Garfield is right. With a commission made up of three men—one a coal operator, one a miner and the other a politician, the price of coal will be boosted higher at the expense of the public. The commission ought to be made up of three Federal Judges.

Harry W. Berger, attorney for Berkman and Goldman, admits that his clients are anarchists, but says to send them into the territory of Gen. Yudenitch is equivalent to a death sentence. It does nook like unloading some of our own duties on to the Russian anarchist exterminator.

TOLD TO GO BACK TO WORK

CIRCULARS PREPARED IN INDIANAPOLIS ARE SENT TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS

8,000 REFUSE TO GO TO WORK

Garfield Resigns Rather Than Be a Party To Increasing the Price of Coal.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Members of the United Mine Workers of America are urged to return to work with the least possible delay, in order that the public needs for coal may be promptly met, in a circular prepared by the international officers of the organization yesterday afternoon and which will be sent to the four thousand local unions as soon as it can be printed.

The circular was issued to supplement instructions sent out by wire and contains an explanation of the action of the general committee in voting to accept the President's proposal for settlement of the strike.

GARFIELD RESIGNS AS RESULT OF STRIKE ISSUE

Opposes Any Increase in the Price of Coal.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Fuel Administrator Garfield's resignation was tonight in the hands of President Wilson, given because he disagreed on principles with the coal strike settlement proposal arranged by the Government and the mine workers' union.

Dr. Garfield himself refused tonight to confirm, deny or discuss the report, but at the White House it was said that a personal letter from him had been transmitted to the President late this afternoon.

Men close to the fuel administrator understand that he believes that the work of the commission, authorized under the settlement, to be made up of one coal mine operator, a coal miner and a third person named to represent the public will result in an increase in the price of coal to the consuming public. Against this form of settlement Dr. Garfield has been unalterably opposed. It has been learned on good authority that he took no part in the negotiations with the mine workers' union chiefs during the last week, and that though informed and consulted after their initiation, the terms laid out as finally accepted contravened his conception of the main principle involved.

It was recalled in connection with the resignation that in suggesting a 14 per cent. wage increase as fair for the miners and possible to be paid from present profits of mine owners, Dr. Garfield suggested a commission representative of the industry to review the finding, but expressed the conviction that such a body should have the power to fix prices. His belief is said to be that with this power granted a combination of the employer and the employee in the industry to muzzle the public by price rises is certain to result.

Whether the President will accept the resignation is not known. Members of the Cabinet, however, are known to be supporting the settlement program as put through by Attorney General Palmer. President Wilson sent a telegram of congratulation to Acting President John L. Lewis, of the mine workers, on the action taken at Indianapolis.

Prefer Idleness.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 12.—Miners of Peoria, sub-district No. 2, repudiated the Indianapolis agreement for set-

GOOD OL' SANTA CLAUS



ASSESINENS FOR 1920

City Property Is Being Listed For Taxes Six Months Earlier.

It is not generally known that the assessment of city property that used to be taken in January is now taken six months earlier, as of July 1.

The assessment is now going on at the city court room, but many of the heavy loss from having about 400 bushels of potatoes frozen in the ground this week. They were of fine quality but inspection shows that the crop has been entirely destroyed.

Heavy Loss On Potatoes.

L. O. Brumfield, the truck gardener, on rural route No. 8, suffered a heavy loss from having about 400 bushels of potatoes frozen in the ground this week. They were of fine quality but inspection shows that the crop has been entirely destroyed.

RETAILERS CAN OPEN NINE HOURS SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 12.—Relaxation of restrictions on heating and lighting to permit retail stores to remain open nine hours on Saturdays was announced last night by the railroad administration.

This concession, it was said, was made to accommodate the heavy buying due to the near approach of the Christmas holiday season.

On other days of the week the six hour opening regulation will continue in force.

Grocers Boycotted the Editor.

Due to the fact that we trade a little everywhere, and nowhere in particular, we haven't been able to secure any sugar during the present shortage. But we haven't been without, even if we couldn't buy it locally.—Eddyville Herald.

Named For West Point.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Malcolm W. Moss, of Henderson, Ky., has been designated to take the West Point examination in February.

ting the nation-wide strike of miners at a meeting held tonight according to a statement made by W. E. Sherwood, member of the Illinois State Board of the Mine Workers of America. Eight thousand men are

TOBACCO IS ROLLING IN

Hundreds of Wagons Are Bringing The Weed That Fills the Farmers' Pockets.

Tobacco has been rolling in at a rapid rate for the last several days and the prices have remained higher than ever known, though \$47 early in the week remains the high water mark of the season.

Some of the tobacco coming in is of the better grades and it is not unusual for a farmer to bring in a two-horse wagon load of tobacco, drawn by a scrawny pair of horses or mules, the weed covered by old bed quilts, and return with \$1,000 to \$1,500 in his pocket. Tobacco is selling for more in its raw state than tenderloin, beefsteak, country ham or lard. One pound of good leaf is worth two pounds of sugar or four of flour. It is even worth its weight in eggs, a dozen usually weighing 1 1/2.

It is conceded that the crop is the greatest ever grown in the Black Patch and the prices are the highest ever dreamed of. The 48,000,000 lb. marketed in Hopkinsville, will bring \$10,000,000, at a low calculation.

THE SICK

Mrs. L. S. Oliver, of Pembroke, is recovering from a recent major operation at the Jennie Stuart Hospital.

Mrs. A. B. Darham, of Caskey, who underwent an operation at the Jennie Stuart Hospital Tuesday, is reported to be getting along well.

W. O. Stone, local representative of the Louisville Paper Company, is slowly recovering from a spell of typhoid fever, at his home on Campbell street.

J. W. Litchfield was called to Hopkinsville several days ago by the serious illness of his father, J. J. Litchfield.—Providence Enterprise.

DUE TO GREEN CONGRESSMAN

The Louisville Post attributes the probable loss of Camp Taylor to Louisville to the inexperience of the local Congressman, Mr. Agden, who didn't know what to do. It says Shirley would have found a way to hold what he had secured.

Hundreds of rabbits are being sold at Owenton, Ky., for 15 cents undressed.

STRIKE IS OVER RESTRICTIONS STILL ON COAL

MINERS ACCEPT WILSON'S OFFER AND WILL RESUME THEIR WORK

ONLY ONE DISSENTING VOTE

Fourteen Per Cent. Wage Increase Basis—No Relaxation of Rules For Some Time.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—The coal miners' strike was ended yesterday, when, with but one dissenting vote, the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America voted to accept President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work pending final settlement of their wage controversy by a commission to be appointed by him.

The terms of the settlement as agreed to by the miners provide for immediate return to work at 14 per cent increase in wages over the wartime scale, against a continuation of which the miners struck. Operation of the mines will be resumed, except as to wages, on the same basis which obtained prior to the strike.

Men Ordered Back.

Telegrams were sent out to the four thousand locals of the union by internal officers of the mine workers, instructing the men to return to work immediately.

Operators predicted full resumption of operations Friday and shipment of coal from the mines beginning Monday morning.

Miners, operators and Government officials alike were highly gratified over the settlement, and all sides appeared confident a final satisfactory settlement of the fight by the commission.

The action ends a tie-up of the coal industry of more than five weeks duration and one which was more far-reaching than any in the history of the country. As a result of the strike the country was fast approaching a complete shutdown of industry and widespread suffering among its 100,000,000 inhabitants.

Follows Long Debate.

The decision of the miners came after many hours of debate, in which the radical element in the general committee made incendiary speeches against operators and others interested in the settlement of the strike and for a time threatened to defeat efforts to settle the strike at this time.

The conservative element, led by Acting President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, gained control of the situation, and succeeded in putting down practically all opposition by the time the question came to a vote.

One concession was made to the radicals. The convention agreed to the calling of a general convention of the miners at a future date, at which time the action of and reasons for the general committee will be fully explained. The opponents of acceptance of the President's plan made their fight principally on the theory that only a general convention of the mine workers had power to call off the strike.

Keep Name Secret.

Members of the general committee tonight steadfastly refused to make public the name of the delegates who cast the one dissenting vote.

Mr. Lewis' statement declared that the action of the general committee was taken with consciousness of the responsibilities of the miners to the

nation during "this acute industrial crisis and firm in the conviction that the word of the President of the United States will secure for the miners just consideration of their merited claims." He stated that the international convention of the miners would be reconvened in Indianapolis and a supplemental explanation given the delegates from all of the four thousand locals.

Loyal to Country.

Mr. Lewis declared that the action taken today "should demonstrate to the people of our country that the United Mine Workers of America are loyal to their country, and believe in the perpetuity of our Democratic institutions. No greater demonstration of such facts could be given than our action in accepting the proposal of the President of the United States."

It was indicated tonight that the charges of contempt, hearing of which was postponed until December 16, when it came up in Federal court Tuesday morning, will not be pushed. The government already had intimated that acceptance of the President's plan by the general committee would be considered compliance with the court's injunction against furtherance of the strike.

Restrictions Still On.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Expression by Government officials of satisfaction and relief at the settlement of the nation-wide strike of bituminous coal miners were coupled with warnings to the American people that early relaxation of the drastic restrictions on the consumption of coal must not be expected.

Fuel Administrator Garfield immediately on receipt of word that the miners in Indianapolis had agreed to accept the President's proposal, declared that immediate removal of regulations on soft coal consumption was not to be considered.

Director-General Hines, in a formal statement, asserted that dislocation created by the strike could not be remedied instantly. The public, Mr. Hines said, will be expected to continue conserving fuel until normal conditions are restored, but just as soon as practicable restrictions will be rescinded or modified.

GOV MORROW LOSE NO TIME

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—The entire State board of control resigned after Gov. Morrow has demanded the resignation of Henry R. Hines, chairman of Bowling Green, and Thomas Hatcher, of Pikeville, "for pernicious political activity."

The governor in accordance with campaign pledges appointed Dr. W. A. Garfield, president of Centre College, Edward W. Hines, and Fred M. Sackell, of Louisville; Clarence U. McElroy, of Bowling Green; and Mrs. LaDon Riker, of Woodbury. Garfield and Sackell are Republicans, while Hines and McElroy are Democrats. Mrs. Riker is the first woman ever appointed to the board.

AGED LADY GETS FALL

Mrs. Zerelda West, aged 94, one of the oldest women in the city, fell down the cellar steps at her home on North Main street, Wednesday evening and was very seriously injured. Although no bones were broken, she sustained cuts and bruises and a severe nervous shock. She was resting comfortably yesterday and her recovery is hoped for in spite of her great age.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop C. E. Woodcock will fill the pulpit at Grace church tomorrow, at both morning and evening services. At night the rite of confirmation will be administered.

Optimistic Thought.
To the wine there is pleasure in not trade.